

28 (amend d). The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the composition [comprises] consists essentially of:

- 80 to 90% of hexamethyldisiloxane,
- 0.1 to 5% of the therapeutic agent or cosmetic substance,
- 1 to 10% of the thixotropic agent, and
- 0 to 20% of fillers or additives.

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REMARKS

The present claims are 10-17 and 23-28.

The claims are amended, hereby, such that the transitional phrase following the "composition" recited in the claims is changed from "comprising", or "comprises", to "consisting essentially of," or "consists essentially of." In accordance with this change, the present claims exclude from the recited "composition" any non-recited elements that would materially affect the basic and novel characteristics of the present invention. The significance of this change in the claims is discussed further, below, in conjunction with the prior art rejection of the claims.

Claim 27 is amended, hereby, to depend from claim 23, rather than claim 22, and to incorporate the subject matter of previously cancelled claim 22.

Claims 25 and 26 are amended, hereby, in order to correct clerical errors that occurred in Applicant's Amendment submitted on October 7, 1996. In this previous Amendment, claims 25 and 26 were intended to be amended by changing the dependency of each claim to claim 23, and to incorporate subject matter from the original parent claims, which had been cancelled. In drafting the respective claim amendments, however, the subject matter that was incorporated into each of claims 25